

# Parish Church of Barbourne St. Stephen

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Welcome to our church, especially if you are a visitor or a newcomer

Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2023

Easter 6

**Opening Hymn: 230** Good Christians all, rejoice and sing

**Readings:** Genesis 8.20-9.17 L. Nicolls  
Acts 17.22-31 G. Hill

**Gradual Hymn: 4** A New Commandment

**Gospel:** John 14.15-21

**Sermon**

**Intercessions:** M. Mandrell

**Offertory Hymn: 118** Colours of day

**Communion Hymns:**

**92** Bread for the world (choir to lead)

**399** Love is his word, love is his way

**323** Jesus Christ is waiting

**Final Hymn: 285** I the Lord of sea and sky



**Next Sunday – Easter 7**

**8.00am – Said Holy Communion**

Readings: Ezekiel 36.24-28 D. Fulbrook  
Acts 1.6-14 D. Fulbrook

Gospel: John 17.1-11

Intercessions: M. Mandrell

**10.00am – Family Service**

Readings: Ezekiel 36.24-28 L. Dunmore  
Acts 1.6-14 D. Anwyl Hughes

Gospel: John 17.1-11

Intercessions: D. Anwyl-Hughes



Tea, coffee, squash and biscuits are served in church following the service. Why not stay for a drink and a chat. It's a chance to get to know everyone.



**GOOD COMPANIONS** (Meet in church at 2.30pm)

**Next meetings:**

**15<sup>th</sup> May** - Richard Poppleton anecdotes about his work as a Magistrate.

**5<sup>th</sup> June** - Howard Robinson talk on Felix Mendelssohn.



**BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT GROUP**

Meet in church fortnightly at 11.00am (10.45 for Tea/Coffee)

**Next meetings:** Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May  
Monday 5<sup>th</sup> June

**A Better Way to Give Regularly to Church**

The Parish Giving Scheme (PGS), administered by a charity controlled by various Dioceses and based in Gloucester. Better for givers, and better for the church. There is a small supply of booklets at the back of Church. If you want to know more, speak to Andy or Richard Hemmings, or look at PGS's website:

[www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk](http://www.parishgivingscheme.org.uk)



"But you know him, for he lives with you and will be in you".

**LITTLE STARS** ★ For babies to pre-schoolers and their parents/carers meets in church every Thursday ★ afternoon in term time from 1.30pm to 3.00pm. ★ Further details from Michelle Walsh (details below) ★

**Open Church**

**Thursdays** 10.30am - 12.30pm  
**Saturdays** 10.30am - 12.30pm



If you have any items for the pew sheet please e-mail them to: [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com)  
Please send by Thursday - 10.00am if you wish it to be included in the following Sunday's pew sheet.

For church hall bookings contact Michelle Walsh at [mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com](mailto:mwalsh.ststephens@outlook.com) or 07961 097497

**Church Services this coming week.**

Thursday 10.00am Holy Communion

Zoom only services

Monday & Wednesday 8.20am Morning Prayer

Tuesday & Thursday 5.30pm Evening Prayer

# NEWS FROM THE PEWS

## **Deanery Celebration for Ascension Day** **Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May at 7pm**

St. Philip & St. James Church, Main Road,  
Hallow, WR2 6PW. Car Parking available next to  
the church. All are welcome.

## **A Thank You from Hattie Amos/ Stand By Me Concert**

Hattie would like to say a massive thank you to everyone that came to the 'Stand by Me' concert in support of Endometriosis and the NHS. The night was a great success raising an amazing £1000. All proceeds to be donated to Endometriosis services in Worcestershire.

## **A Folk Concert for Christian Aid - Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> June - St Georges Church - 7.30-9.30pm**

Tickets £10 to include refreshments can be obtained from Alison Clarke - 07917 890183 or [clarke.alison@gmail.com](mailto:clarke.alison@gmail.com)

Help dreams come true for communities in Malawi this Christian Aid week.

## **Eco-Curious?** Are you thinking about joining the A Rocha Eco Church scheme?

Fernhill Heath Baptist Church Invites churches to come & ask questions, share their experiences, pick-up ideas and enjoy fellowship. **Saturday 10 June 2023, 10am - 3pm at Fernhill Heath Baptist Church Worcester WR3 8RL.** Tea & coffee provided. Please bring your own lunch. Register by 1st June to reserve a place at:

[admin@fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk](mailto:admin@fernhillheathbaptist.org.uk)

## **Plants for the Autumn Fayre**

In preparation for the Autumn fayre, Chis Allen will be focusing on biennials such as Wallflower and Sweet Williams or potted up self-seeded perennials. If anyone would like to sow a tray, Chris will gladly accept any offerings.



## **SAVE THE DATE.....**

## **Autumn Fayre - Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> September**

More details to follow but save the date for now.

## **Thy Kingdom Come 2023 - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May** **St Paul's Church Worcester WR1 2BH**

Theme: Power & Witness

6pm - arrival and drinks for a 6.30pm start.

A united prayer and worship gathering as the Church prepares for Pentecost.

All are welcome.

## **Pastoral Support Group**

Are you feeling isolated or lonely? Would you appreciate a call from our Pastoral Support Group?

If so, just let Andy or Lindsey know and they'll arrange for someone to be in touch with you.

## **A request from Sheryl Chudley who heads the pastoral work at City Church**

A request has been made through the organisation Welcome Churches (<https://welcomechurches.org/>) from a charity called Migrant Help (<https://www.migranthelpuk.org/>) Worcester has about 160 single male migrants being housed in the City and they are in need of clothing. They specifically need new underwear in small or medium sizes and other men's clothes which can be second hand. Any items you can offer can be delivered directly to The Fownes Hotel, or contact Sheryl Chudley 07912352697, who can collect them from you.



## **Here are a few of the items needed from the 2023 shopping list.**

CEREAL, NOODLE POTS, CREAM CRACKERS, WET & DRY DOG FOOD, MIXED HERBS, TOMATO PUREE, TOMATO/BROWN SAUCE, TEA, COFFEE, UNISEX TOILETRIES, NAPPIES (SIZE 5-7).

Please no food that needs refrigerating as the Foodbank can't accept it.

**THERE IS A FULL SHOPPING LIST IN THE PORCH OT  
HAVE A LOOK AT THIER WEBISTE FOR OTHER WAYS TO  
DONATE OR HELP.**

[www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk](http://www.worcester.foodbank.org.uk)

**Thank you for your continued support of  
local people in crisis.**